

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2006
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 PM in council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Nancy Atkinson, Bill Grady, Dale Henson, Jeff Schreiver, Mark Steffen, Scott Guenther and Ray Spears. Also in attendance were City Administrator Roger Rolfes, City Attorney Frank Wichmann and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Schreiver added discussion of street program item #16 under Unfinished Business; Mr. Guenther suggested to move ordinance 2006-06-10 up on the agenda before reports and Mrs. Atkinson added discussion of football equipment at Freedom Park item #17 under Unfinished Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Spears made a **motion** to approve the July 3, 2006 minutes as written; seconded by Mrs. Atkinson. Mr. Steffen and Mr. Guenther abstained.
Motion passed: 5 ayes – 2 abstentions.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Ordinance 2006-06-10 Zone change for Shoppes of Edgewood property at Dudley and KY 17 – 2nd Reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE EDGEWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING MAP THEREOF, AND RE-CLASSIFY THEREON AN APPROXIMATE 5 ACRE AREA LOCATED ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF MADISON PIKE AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF SPERTI DRIVE, APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET SOUTH OF DUDLEY PIKE, FROM THE IP ZONE TO THE HC ZONE. Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt ordinance 2006-06-10; second by Mr. Steffen. **Motion passed 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Proclamation 2006-07 Recognizing Tom Browning for being inducted into the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame. Mayor Link read the proclamation. Mr. Browning wasn't in attendance so the proclamation will be mailed to him.

Mayors Report – Mayor Link thanked the law firm of Sutton and Hicks on Dudley Road for their flag dedication for the Northern Kentucky Veterans on July 5th and thanked David Schulte and Ray Spears for the Kevin Heidrich Memorial at Freedom Park. Mayor Link congratulated Mr. Rolfes for being elected to the executive board of the American Society of Public Administrators.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Rolfes had nothing to report. Mr. Schreiver stated that he voted for the budget and the pay plan that was presented but he wants to see the pay plan go through council committee meetings in the future. Mayor Link advised that it would be done in the future.

Staff Reports – Council reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator, City Clerk, EMS/Fire, General Services, Police, and Recreation. Mr. Spears asked Mr. Goetz about the public phone being removed from Freedom Park. Mr. Goetz stated that it was removed along with the phone at Presidents Park around the first of the year due to lack of use; the bill is \$65 a month; most people have cell phones and the phones were being used more for personal use and not emergencies and they occasionally get vandalized. Mr. Spears thinks the phones come in handy and would like to see them put back in. Mr. Schreiver agreed with Mr. Goetz and doesn't see a need for them. Mr. Henson and Mr. Guenther said it didn't matter to them either way. Mayor Link stated that he'd have it monitored, report back and decide later if the phones are needed. Mayor Link thanked the staff for organizing the 4th of July events.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Facilities Update – Mr. Rolfes stated that we should receive our final certificate of occupancy this week.

Business License Tax Report – Mr. Rolfes received a computer report from the county, which will take some time to review before any information can be obtained and passed onto council. He recommended deferring the issue until further notice.

Soccer Field – the city is considering having an artificial turf put in on the soccer field at Freedom Park. Mr. Goetz has been talking to Champion Turf about the field. He passed around a turf sample for council to review. The quote for the maintenance of the sod is approximately \$2,000 per month but the city would choose how many months we would want it to be maintained; would suggest eight months out of the year. Mr. Steffen said he talked to David Schulte of Dixie Soccer who said they would be willing to help the city any way they could. Mr. Guenther said he wants to know what the exact figure is for maintenance then a decision could be made as to which to choose. As it stands, Mr. Guenther is leaning more towards the natural grass but is willing to consider both. The estimate for the turf is \$175,000 plus maintenance. Mr. Steffen asked Mr. Goetz to figure out how much it costs the city now to maintain the natural grass field and compare that over 8 years versus the turf field. Mrs. Atkinson also asked that an estimate be obtained to fence in the field. Mr. Goetz will obtain the information and report back.

Disposition of the house at 3002 Edge Mar Drive – Mr. Rolfes stated that the auction is August 5th and asked council for a final decision on the status of the house that being either demolish it or sell it. Mr. Guenther suggested consulting with a realtor to get an opinion on how saleable the house is and obtain a reasonable list price to sell and have that information before they go forward. Mr. Grady said it would be a good idea to check with a realtor but overall he is in favor of demolishing it and putting in a park. Mr. Spears thinks a realtor may say it would end up being rental property, which is something the city probably wouldn't want; he also agreed with demolition and the park. Mr. Steffen will have a realtor look at it. Mr. Goetz stated that he spoke with two neighbors who stated that they would rather have the park there than the house. Mrs. Atkinson stated that if the house is left there then the city would lock themselves in but if the city puts a park in then we'll have the whole block. She

stated that she is open to see what a realtor would say but believes the park is the better way to go especially after seeing all the cracks in the house. Mr. Henson is in favor of demolishing the house and believes the city would be limiting itself if we let that piece of property go.

Police Department Shredder – Chief Kramer stated that they have the need for a commercial shredder to destroy documents. The shredder he is looking at would also destroy compact discs; it has the storage capacity and shredding power they're looking for and it ranges in costs of \$700 to \$1200. He requested approval to purchase a shredder; council concurred to spend \$800.

Agreement with City of Edgewood, City of Crestview Hills, Sanitation District and the Kenton County Board of Education – an agreement for the replacement of an existing storm sewer outfall system from the creek on the east side of Dixie Highway near Dudley Road, up Summit Drive and through Dixie Heights campus to the creek behind the houses on the south west side of Summit Drive. **Mr. Henson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Municipal Order 2006-08; second by Mr. Spears. Mr. Guenther abstained. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 abstention.**

Street Program – Mr. Schreiver stated that a resident advised him that they were very upset that the city did an asphalt overlay on their street instead of replacing it with concrete. A concern of the resident was that if they put their house on the market one thing potential buyers look at first is the street and if the street is in bad condition then it would affect their property value. Mr. Schreiver believes it's been five or six years since the city has increased the amount of the street budget and he would like to increase the street budget every year by the COLA amount or 3% starting next year. Mr. Rolfes stated that the city is closer to being caught up with the street replacement schedule. Mr. Schreiver said the city has since had to take on the maintenance of Dudley Road and Charter Oak Road. Mr. Henson agreed with the increase and feels the street program is working much better now than it was in the past and believes the overlay program that puts a nice surface on the road for a certain period of years and delays the total replacement for a few more years is working great. Mr. Guenther, Mr. Steffen and Mr. Spears agreed with the increase. Mr. Spears said the minimum increase should be the COLA amount. Mr. Rolfes will add it to the budget next year.

Football equipment at Freedom Park – Mrs. Atkinson stated that the Raiders Football team keep their equipment stored on the field but some of it sits too close to the walking trail and should be moved for safety reasons. She also noticed some abandoned equipment that still sitting over the hill and looks bad and requested it be removed. Mr. Goetz will take care of it.

NEW BUSINESS

Cancel August 21, 2006 council meeting due to the Annual NKADD dinner meeting – Mr. Henson made a **motion** to cancel the August 21st meeting; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Cancel September 4, 2006 council meeting due to the Labor Day holiday - Mr. Henson made a **motion** to cancel the September 4th meeting; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2006-06-05 Amend occupational tax ordinance (\$500 receipts) – 2nd reading.
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Ordinance 2006-06-09 Waste Collection Fees for FY 2007/2008 – 2nd Reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, INCREASING THE ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION ASSESSMENT AND FEE FROM \$156.60 TO \$182.76. Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt ordinance 2006-06-09; second by Mr. Steffen. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Municipal Order 2006-06 Declare radar units as surplus property – Mrs. Atkinson made a **motion** to adopt municipal order 2006-06; second by Mr. Guenther. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Municipal Order 2006-07 Declare multiple items as surplus for auction – Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt municipal order 2006-07; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Municipal Order 2006-08 Authorizing the Mayor to sign a storm sewer agreement with Crestview Hills and the Kenton County Board of Education. Item was discussed and passed earlier in the meeting under Unfinished Business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday Evening Concert Schedule: July 18th Elaine and the Biscaynes, July 25th Cincinnati Brass Band, and August 1st Kyle Ryan as Elvis. Concerts will be held at Presidents Park at 7 p.m.
- The city is sponsoring a blood drive to be held at Freedom Park on Thursday, July 27 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call the city building to schedule an appointment.
- Edgewood Night at Erlanger Putt-Putt will be held on Sunday, July 30th from 6-8 p.m. Edgewood residents can play two games free with proof of residency.
- National Night Out will be held on Wednesday, August 2nd from 6 – 9 p.m. at Freedom Park.
- Free Family Campout will be held on Saturday, August 12 at Presidents Park. This is event for Edgewood residents only and open to the first 100 families registered.
- NKU Summer Sports Camp to be held the week of August 14th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for Edgewood students in grades 1st – 8th. No registration required.
- Mayor's Golf Outing will be held Friday, August 18th at 11 a.m. at Twin Oaks. Call the city building to register.
- Edgewood Night at Florence Freedom Ballpark will be Saturday, August 19th at 7:05 p.m. tickets are \$7 each.
- Men's Flag Football League will begin on August 19th; registration deadline is August 4th.

- NKADD Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet, Monday, August 21st, 6:00 p.m., at Receptions RSVP to Jeanette by August 10th.
- MGLNK Picnic – Thursday, July 27 – Florence Freedom Ballpark – dinner at 6:30 game at 7:05 p.m. RSVP to Jeanette by tomorrow July 18th.
- The City Auction will be August 5. Items can be inspected between 9 and 10 AM auction starts at 10 AM

Mr. Grady announced that the filing deadline to run for office is August 8th. He also announced that he would not be running for office any longer after serving for 13 years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – KRS 61.810 (1)(C) Litigation – Mr. Henson made a **motion** to enter into executive session at 8:00 p.m.; second by Mr. Guenther. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to return to plenary session at 9:01 p.m.; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor John D. Link

Attest: _____
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed: _____